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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to withdraw the above-identified application from issue, the Issue Fee having been paid on November 18, 2004, for consideration of the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Withdrawal is necessary so that the attached Information Disclosure Statement can be considered in the concurrently filed continuing application (see, attached Request for Continuing Prosecution (RCE) Under Rule 114). The undersigned became aware of the references cited in the attached Information Disclosure Statement on January 6, 2005, after the issue fee was paid.

The Petition Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) (\$130) and the RCE filing fee (\$790) are submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or

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which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

It is believed that the foregoing constitutes a showing of good and sufficient reasons as to why withdrawal of this application from issue is necessary. Accordingly, it is requested that this Petition be granted. The Office is requested to contact the undersigned, however, if anything further is required for this petition to be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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